EAT HERE, GET GAS

THIS HIDEOUS, CRUEL, HORRIBLE WEAPON... THEY TAKE A BAMBOO, SHARPEN IT... 'N SMEAR ON SHIT !

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A pamphlet dealing with Chemical and Biological warfare, issued by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, described its subject matter as "Public Health in Reverse." The main objective of CBW is the intentional use of living organisms and their toxic products to maim, permanently disable, or cause death to man, animal and plants. Judging from information obtained from highly reliable sources, results achieved by Americans in this field over the last few years have been, despite some minor setbacks, highly satisfactory. Just what CBW can do is evident in the following testimony, submitted to the International War Crimes Tribunal currently in session in Stockholm, by Dr. Nguyen, a North Vietnamese physician who had been nearly blinded by chemicals:

"After an air attack by two U.S. planes and a helicopter on the town of Vietnamese province of [illegible] in September 1964, the smell of chemicals was unbearable. It was very sharp and burned the nostrils. It had characteristics of chloroform. After five minutes, leaves of sweet potatoes, rice plants, and trees became completely dessicated. Domestic animals would not eat and almost all died. People in the area experienced extreme headaches. There was a second attack fifteen minutes later. The next day all our poultry were dead. The fish in the streams and lakes were floating on the surface of the water, discolored. All crops were without

attack ten days later people were unable to work or do anything for weeks and months. I was unable to move. I vomited all the time. My mouth, throat, stomach and bowels were painfully inflamed."

Never in the history of chemical warfare, dating back to the World War I Western Front gassings, through Mussolini's gas raids in the Ethiopian war of the middle thirties to the gas chambers of Auschwitz and [illegible] been [illegible] and population [illegible] currently [illegible] Pentagon [illegible] is projected [illegible] the budgetary [illegible] undoubtedly [illegible] spent for the various [illegible] agencies.

CBW first appeared as a separate item in Pentagon budgets in the early fifties with an initial sum of $35 Million. By 1961 this rose to $87 Million. By 1964, the last year in which any mention of CBW was made in the Pentagon budget, this figure has almost tripled to $158 Million. With the subsequent escalation of the Vietnamese war, a heavier emphasis was put on the accelerated use of gasses, and the most recent estimate exceeds $250 Million. Again it is important to bear in mind that these figures do not reflect the total expenditures. An important part of this project was subcontracted and scattered under devious and misleading labels among private industries.

The Pentagon currently concedes that it produces these seven chemical agents:

a) 2 NERVE GASSES - (GV*) SARIN & VX - These are colorless, odorless and tasteless. VX is thirty times more toxic than phosgene and is very slow in evaporation.

b) Blistering Agent - HD - Mustard gas-needless to elaborate.

c) 1 Incapacitant -DZ - Experiments with LSD25 as an incapacitator have [illegible] all their experiments [illegible] to produce desired effects. It is peculiar, but CBW research does seem to have an obsession with [illegible] Little do they know.

d) 1 Vomiting agent - DM - In its specifications [illegible] that the [illegible] would death [illegible] CN/CS [illegible] the first.

There are currently [illegible] Army installations in operation [illegible] research and production of CBW munitions. The biggest of these is FORT DETRICK, MD. This mammoth installation, being probably the largest experimental animal farm in the world, is almost wholly devoted to intensive research and experimentation in microbiology - airborne infection; the main process used toward this end is the suspension of infectious particles in the atmosphere. The number of people currently engaged in Fort Detrick cannot be determined and as in all other such establishments the goings on are most fervently guarded by the government as top secret classified information.

Similar activity, but on a smaller scale is going on in Edgewood Arsenal, [illegible] DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, Utah is used primarily for testing purposes. PINE BLUFF ARSENAL, Ark., is a CBW production installation second only to the four chemical war factories [illegible] of toxic chemicals used as riot control agents.

ROCKY MT. [illegible] DENVER, COLO. is the prime [illegible] of psychochemical incapacitators and a variety of nerve and mustard gasses [illegible]

The one that tops them all, however, [illegible] the Pentagon's eyes. This facility, which currently employs more than 700 operatives on a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week basis, its current annual operating budget exceeds $4,000,000, and its principal product, SARIN, is probably the most lethal of nerve gasses.

[illegible] contracts [illegible] State [illegible] been [illegible] ability our [illegible] $1,000,000 annual [illegible] grant [illegible] diseases of potential [illegible] in biological warfare."

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA specializes in deep research in infectious fungal diseases and their specific relation to CBW.

DUKE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER is involved on a program dealing with the immunization of "our boys in Vietnam" - the dispensers of gasses. This has obviously become a major problem to the CBW researchers. The main premise in biological warfare is that the attacker [illegible] of CBW agents must at all costs avoid contamination. Even though most of the products produced by us have proven to be successful to an extent, the large number of those suffering from "back contamination," has been a major problem to the Pentagon.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL CENTER is engaged in a similar project. From all accounts this is at present one of the major tasks before the CBW scientists and as yet no sat-

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